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(WITH APPENDICES)

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UNDER

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**Being for the Year 1916.**

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DUBLIN CASTLE,

*29th May*, 1917.

SIR,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant, forwarding, for submission to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, the Thirteenth Report (with Appendices) of the Inspector for Ireland under the Inebriates Acts, 1879 to 1900, being for the year 1916.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

E. O'FARRELL.

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Dublin Castle.

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# INEBRIATES ACTS.

**Report for the year 1916 on the Certified Reformatory and the Retreat established in Ireland under the Inebriates Acts, 1879–1900.**

DUBLIN CASTLE,

*24th May*, 1917.

To

HIS EXCELLENCY IVOR CHURCHILL, BARON WIMBORNE,

LORD LIEUTENANT-GENERAL AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to submit this, the Thirteenth Annual Report, in pursuance of the provisions of the Habitual Drunkards Act, 1879, and the Inebriates Act, 1898.

## CERTIFIED INEBRIATE REFORMATORY.

The Certified Reformatory (St. Brigid's) at Wexford for Roman Catholic females continues to be maintained at a proper standard of discipline and efficiency, and at each visit paid in 1916 the inmates were found clean, well kept, and industriously occupied. At the beginning of the year there were 30 patients on the Register of the Institution, including 1 case out on Licence. During the year 16 were admitted, 17 were discharged on expiration of sentence, 1 owing to ill-health, and 3 were transferred to the State Reformatory at Ennis, leaving 25 patients on the Register at the end of the year, all of whom were in residence. No patients were released on Licence during the year, and there is no change to record in the list of County and County Borough Councils which have made arrangements for the reception of cases sent from Courts within their districts.

The statistics relative to the Institution will be found in Appendix A, and the average cost of maintenance per patient during the year is shown in Appendix B.

## INEBRIATE RETREAT.

The management of The Lodge Retreat at Belfast during 1916 coutinued to be in every respect satisfactory, and the inmates in residence at each inspection were found contented, usefully employed, and well treated. At the beginning of 1916 there were 17 patients on the Register. During the year 19 were admitted and 21 were discharged—19 on the expiration of the period for which they had undertaken to remain, and 2 owing to their physical condition rendering them unsuitable for treatment in the Institution—leaving 15 on the Register at the end of the year, all of whom were in residence.

Particulars relative to The Retreat and its inmates are given in Tabular form in Appendix C.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

THOMAS I. CONSIDINE.

*Inspector.*

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# APPENDIX A.

## Containing Tables relative to Certified Inebriate Reformatory.

### TABLE I.

Particulars of Certified Reformatory.

| Name and situation of Reformatory. | Date of Certificate. | Superintendent. | Medical Officer. | Person to whom Correspondence should be addressed. | Certified for the reception of | | Number of patients resident on 31st December, 1916. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | Number | Sex. | |
| St. Brigid's, Wexford. | 31st December, 1908. | The Superioress, Sisters of St. John of God, Wexford. | S. V. O'Connor, L.A.H.DUBL. | The Superintendent, St. Brigid's Inebriate Reformatory, Wexford. | 66 | Female | 25 |

### TABLE II.

Showing the number of Persons admitted to certified Reformatories.

| Reformatory. | Under Section I. | | | | | | Under Section II. | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1906 to 1914. | | 1915. | | 1916. | | 1906 to 1914. | | 1915. | | 1916. | | |
| | Males. | Females | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females | Males. | Females | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | Total |
| †St. Patrick's, Waterford. | 1 | – | – | – | – | – | 147 | – | – | – | – | – | 148 |
| St. Brigid's, Wexford. | – | *13 | – | 1 | – | – | – | 89 | – | 18 | – | 16 | 137 |
| Totals ... | 1 | *13 | – | 1 | – | – | 147 | 89 | – | 18 | – | 16 | 285 |

* Includes 1 case in which the Committal Warrant was invalid, and the patient was therefore discharged forthwith. † Now closed.

### TABLE III.

Details of Convictions under Section II. of the Inebriates Act, 1898, from 1906 to 1914, and in 1915 and 1916.

| Years. | Found guilty of being a Habitual Drunkard; of having been at least three times convicted of drunkenness during the previous 12 months; and on a subsequent offence of being | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | While drunk, guilty of disorderly behaviour. | Found drunk in a public place. | Found drunk on licensed premises. | Found drunk in charge of a vehicle. | Found drunk while in charge of children. | Total. |
| 1906 to 1914 ... | 59 | 167 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 236 |
| 1915 ... | 9 | 9 | — | — | — | 18 |
| 1916 ... | 2 | 14 | — | — | — | 16 |
| Totals ... | 70 | 190 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 270 |

### TABLE IV.

Details of the Ages of all Cases admitted to Certified Reformatories from 1906 to 1914, and in 1915 and 1916.

| Years. | Sex. | 16 Years and under 21. | 21 Years and under 30. | 30 Years and under 40. | 40 Years and under 50. | 50 Years and under 60. | 60 Years and upwards. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1906 to 1914 | Males ... | 2 | 29 | 47 | 35 | 29 | 6 | 148 |
| | Females | — | 16 | 24 | 35 | 17 | 10 | 102 |
| 1915 ... | Males ... | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| | Females | — | 6 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 19 |
| 1916 ... | Males ... | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| | Females | — | 7 | 5 | 4 | — | — | 16 |
| Totals ... | | 2 | 58 | 83 | 75 | 50 | 17 | 285 |

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## APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

### TABLE V.

General Conduct of the Cases admitted to Certified Reformatories, from 1906 to 1914, and in 1915 and 1916.

| Years. | Number of Persons who could be described as— | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Well-behaved. | Manageable. | Troublesome. | Very troublesome. | Total. |
| 1906 to 1914 ... | 186 | 27 | 24 | 13 | 250 |
| 1915 ... ... | 13 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 19 |
| 1916 ... ... | 5 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 16 |
| Totals ... ... | 204 | 33 | 30 | 18 | 285 |

### TABLE VI.

Details as to Marriage of Patients admitted to Certified Reformatories, from 1906 to 1914, and in 1915 and 1916.

| Years. | Married | Single. | Widowed. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1906 to 1914 ... ... | 87 | 123 | 40 | 250 |
| 1915 ... ... ... | 7 | 9 | 3 | 19 |
| 1916 ... ... ... | 4 | 10 | 2 | 16 |
| Totals ... ... | 98 | 142 | 45 | 285 |

### TABLE VII.

DETAILS AS TO EDUCATION.

Number of cases amongst Admissions to Certified Reformatories from 1906 to 1914 and in 1915 and 1916, who could.

| Years | Neither Read nor Write. | Read and Write imperfectly. | Read and Write well. | Superior Education. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1906 to 1914 ... | 74 | 77 | 90 | 9 | 250 |
| 1915 ... ... | 2 | 5 | 12 | — | 19 |
| 1916 ... ... | 3 | 5 | 8 | — | 16 |
| Totals ... | 79 | 87 | 110 | 9 | 285 |

### TABLE VIII.

Showing the number of Inmates sent from the Certified Reformatories to the State Inebriate Reformatory, Lunatic Asylums, and Prisons.

| Reformatory. | Transferred to State Inebriate Reformatory. | | | | Sent to Lunatic Asylums. | | | | Committed to Prison for serious breach of Regulations. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1906 to 1914 | 1915 | 1916 | Total | 1906 to 1914 | 1915 | 1916 | Total | 1906 to 1914 | 1915 | 1916 | Total |
| *St. Patrick's, Waterford. | 7 | – | – | 7 | 3 | – | – | 3 | 20 | – | – | 20 |
| St. Brigid's, Wexford. | 5 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 2 | – | 1 | 3 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 17 |
| Total ... | 12 | 3 | 3 | 18 | 5 | – | 1 | 6 | 33 | 2 | 2 | 37 |

* Now closed.

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## APPENDIX B.

Table showing annual and weekly maintenance rate per head for inmates of Certified Inebriate Reformatory, during the years 1915 and 1916.

| | Year 1915. | | | | Year 1916. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Reformatory, ... ... ... ... | St. Brigid's, Wexford. | | | | St. Brigid's, Wexford. | | | |
| Daily average number of Inmates under detention | 26·5 | | | | 22 8 | | | |
| | £ s. d. | £ s d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| (1) Reformatory Staff Expenses :— | | | | |
| Salaries and Wages :— | | | | |
| Superior Officers (Superintendent, Medical Officer, and Chaplains) ... ... | 4 6 0 | | 5 3 3 | |
| Subordinate Officers ... ... ... | 3 0 0 | | 2 17 3 | |
| Provisions ... ... ... ... | 2 18 8 | | 4 3 10 | |
| Uniforms and Laundry ... ... ... | 0 5 6 | 10 10 2 | 0 7 7 | 12 11 11 |
| (2) Inmates' Expenses :— | | | | |
| Provisions ... ... ... ... | 14 19 5 | | 21 16 2 | |
| Clothing and Laundry ... ... ... | 2 10 0 | | 3 15 0 | |
| Medical Requisites, Drugs, &c. ... ... | 0 9 1 | | 0 10 4 | |
| Allowances, Amusements, and Games ... ... | 0 4 4 | | 0 0 11 | |
| Removal Expenses ... ... ... ... | 1 11 3 | 19 14 1 | 1 7 0 | 27 9 ·5 |
| (3) General Expenses :— | | | | |
| Fire, Light, and Water ... ... ... | 4 5 4 | | 4 17 5 | |
| Household Stores ... ... ... ... | — | | — | |
| Furniture and Fittings (Repairs and Replacements) ... ... ... ... | 1 18 4 | | 0 1 2 | |
| Ordinary Repairs to Buildings ... ... | — | | — | |
| Rates, Taxes, and Insurance, ... ... | 0 2 2 | 6 5 10 | 0 1 3 | 4 19 10 |
| 4) Management Expenses :— | | | | |
| Salaries (Clerks, &c.) ... ... ... | — | | — | |
| Managers' and Officers' Travelling Expenses ... | 0 4 0 | | 0 0 5 | |
| Printing, Stationery, and Advertisements ... | 0 3 4 | | 0 2 11 | |
| Telegrams, Stamps, and Cheque Books ... | 0 7 6 | | 0 9 0 | |
| Legal Expenses and Bank Charges ... ... | — | 0 14 10 | — | 0 12 4 |
| Total Maintenance Expenditure per head per annum ... ... ... ... ... | — | 37 4 11 | — | 45 13 6 |
| Equivalent Weekly Rate per Inmate ... ... | — | 0 14 4 | — | 0 17 7 |

## APPENDIX C.

Tables relative to Retreat established and licensed under the Inebriates Acts, 1879-1900

### TABLE I.

Particulars of Retreat, and Patients admitted thereto, during the Years 1915 and 1916.

| Year. | Number of Retreats. Licensed. | Number of Beds available for Patients under the Acts. | Number of Patients admitted under the Acts. | | | Number of Patients admitted privately (not under the Acts) | | | Total Number of Patients treated in Licensed Institution during each year. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | M. | F. | Total | M. | F. | Total | |
| 1915 ... | 1 | 24 | — | 18 | 18 | — | — | — | 18 |
| 1916 ... | 1 | 24 | — | 19 | 19 | — | — | — | 19 |

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## APPENDIX C.—*continued.*

### TABLE II.

Particulars of Retreat under Licence, and Patients admitted thereto, during the Years 1915 and 1916.

| Name and situation. | Name of Licensee. | Date of Licence or Renewal of Licence | Patients under the Acts. | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Number for which licensed. | Sex. | Number remaining on 31st December, 1914 | Number admitted during the year 1915. | Number discharged during the year 1915 | Number remaining on 31st December, 1915. | Number admitted during the year 1916. | Number discharged during the year 1916. | Number remaining on 31st December, 1916 | Total accommodation provided under the Acts and otherwise. |
| The Lodge, Irwin Avenue, Strandtown, Belfast. | Miss Rachel Clarke. | 3rd May, 1915. | 24 | Female | 15 | 18 | 16 | 17 | 19 | 21 | 15 | 24 |

There were no deaths during the years 1915 and 1916.

### TABLE III.

Showing an Analysis of the Periods for which Patients entered Retreat under the Acts from 1903 to 1914 and in 1915 and 1916.

| Years. | 2 Years. | 21 Months. | 18 Months. | 15 Months. | 12 Months. | 10 Months. | 9 Months. | 6 Months. | 5 Months. | 4 Months. | 3 Months and less. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1903 to 1914 ... | 5 | — | — | — | 44 | — | — | 107 | — | — | *1 | 157 |
| 1915 ... ... | — | — | — | — | 4 | — | 1 | 13 | — | — | — | 18 |
| 1916 ... ... | — | — | — | — | 7 | — | — | 12 | — | — | — | 19 |
| Total ... | 5 | — | — | — | 55 | — | 1 | 132 | — | — | 1 | 194 |

* Exceptional case.

### TABLE IV.

Particulars concerning Patients under the Acts Discharged from Retreat during the Years 1915 and 1916.

| How Discharged | Remarks. | Year 1915. | | Year 1916. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Number. | Total. | Number. | Total. |
| Efflux of Time ... | — | — | 13 | — | 19 |
| Under Section 15 ... | (By order of the Lord Lieutenant) ... | — | — | — | — |
| Do. 18 ... | (By order of a Judge in Chambers) ... | — | — | — | — |
| Do. 12 ... | (By order of a Justice on the request of the Licensee of the Retreat). | | | | |
| | Urgent private affairs requiring patient's presence elsewhere ... | 2 | — | — | — |
| | Refractory conduct, rendering continued residence detrimental to the interest of other patients and to the general welfare of the Retreat ... ... ... | — | — | — | — |
| | Ill health rendering further detention inadvisable ... ... | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| | Total discharged ... | — | 16 | — | 21 |

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